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# MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY



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AUSTRALIA

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## POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 30.6.1960

Metropolitan at 30.6.1960

Males - 374,225 Females - 356,356 Persons - 730,581

Persons - 395,000

## MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	AUGUST				Eight Months ended AUGUST			
	1960		1959		1960		1959	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	388	6.26	375	6.13	3,484	7.17	3,498	7.32
Births	1,637	26.43	1,456	23.79	11,391	23.44	11,404	23.88
Deaths	620	10.01	462	7.55	3,863	7.95	3,661	7.67
Infant Mortality (b)	33	20.16	29	19.92	239	20.98	204	17.89

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

## DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES

	AUGUST		Eight Months ended AUGUST	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
Tuberculosis	6	3	27	18
Malignant neoplasms	75	65	591	604
Diabetes mellitus	6	5	38	31
Diseases of blood, etc.	2	1	14	13
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	62	57	422	428
Diseases of the heart	255	171	1,322	1,177
Hypertension with heart disease	14	9	88	80
Other hypertensive diseases	3	5	25	29
Arteriosclerosis	15	13	124	90
Influenza	2	2	7	78
Pneumonia	20	15	137	133
Bronchitis	8	5	61	51
Other respiratory diseases	7	9	39	40
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	5	1	23	25
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	-	3	11	21
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	-	3	4
Cirrhosis of the liver	3	4	25	16
Nephritis and nephrosis	5	6	31	44
Disease of the prostate	3	3	28	39
Maternal causes	-	-	3	4
Diseases of early infancy	19	17	145	119
Motor vehicle accidents	14	12	137	113
Other accidents	22	11	130	122
Suicide	8	7	61	54
All other causes	66	38	371	328
Total:	620	462	3,863	3,661





### LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the nine months ended September, 1960, totalled 503,112 acres, a decrease of 242,236 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 5,318,243 acres, a decrease of 5,923,806 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1959.

### STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,998,723	4,718,262	14,252,857	13,867,623
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 16. 5	6. 10. 9	19. 9. 5	19. 4. 10
Expenditure	5,563,130	4,853,262	16,703,287	15,600,755
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 11. 9	6. 14. 6	22. 16. 4	21. 12. 11

### SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of September, 1960 amounted to £80,998,762 or £110-7-1 per head of population as against £74,549,002 or £103-4-2 per head at the end of September, 1959.

### BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 28th September, 1960, amounted to £22,713,665 compared with £17,153,125 for the corresponding period last year.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
Transfers	No.	2,890	1,840	7,201	5,588
	£.	3,490,821	3,062,387	11,275,710	8,377,135
Mortgages	No.	1,319	1,413	4,349	4,155
	£.	2,948,565	2,950,549	9,719,518	8,553,835
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,000	1,094	3,271	3,310

### SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

#### AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
September, 1960	4,953,842	4,077,009	12,058,323	811,904
September, 1959	4,557,364	3,382,190	10,681,622	729,854
Three Months ended September, 1960	14,441,506	11,842,926	36,267,457	2,354,231
Three Months ended September, 1959	11,893,667	9,382,329	32,208,062	1,885,904



COMPANIES REGISTERED

116 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £7,060,000 and 56 Foreign Companies were registered during the three months ended September, 1960. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 91 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £4,325,800 and 38 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Three Months ended SEPTEMBER					
	1960			1959		
	No.	Liabilities	Assets	No.	Liabilities	Assets
		£	£		£	£
Sequestration Orders	30	73,237	25,424	29	61,834	15,907
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement (a)	20	58,035	39,123	15	57,210	67,218

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
Gross Earnings (a) £.	1,358,800	1,171,000	2,529,850	2,480,000
Operating Expenses (a) £.	1,364,996	1,243,502	2,665,337	2,612,205
Train Miles Run No.	677,095	644,954	1,309,304	1,362,498
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b) 108,341	(c) 94,569	(d) 171,772	(e) 156,032
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	1,080,744	1,195,097	2,145,302	2,383,291
Motor Bus No.	24,898	27,307	45,759	45,719
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	403,431	324,626	762,236	703,797
Livestock	13,188	11,852	23,127	22,606
Departmental (Free Freight)	49,369	64,184	92,599	139,493
Total:	465,988	400,662	877,962	865,896
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	60,550,733	52,709,637	116,664,439	115,504,336
Livestock	2,074,992	1,734,218	3,227,769	3,342,869
Departmental (Free Freight)	5,682,665	5,822,198	10,412,424	11,870,063
Total:	68,308,390	60,266,053	130,304,632	130,717,268

- (a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.  
 (b) Four weeks ended 13th August.  
 (c) Four weeks ended 15th August.  
 (d) Period 1st July to 13th August.  
 (e) Period 1st July to 15th August.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
<u>1959 -</u>										
August	489	109	225	9	76	814	189	487	12	125
September	528	132	249	3	131	828	210	514	4	181
October	578	117	256	1	128	959	207	571	2	163
November	703	112	196	1	138	1,091	207	505	1	194
December	645	113	207	4	169	1,092	218	528	6	217
<u>1960 -</u>										
January	471	75	134	-	123	711	142	326	2	170
February	559	136	204	-	178	903	214	427	7	232
March	632	114	186	7	144	987	199	470	10	177
April	610	121	157	3	85	945	216	401	8	114
May	635	158	212	1	76	970	268	474	3	102
June	712	175	208	3	60	1,086	261	444	5	98
July	635	161	200	2	57	1,019	244	494	4	85
August	812	199	218	3	71	1,159	307	500	8	104

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
<u>1957 -</u>								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
<u>1958 -</u>								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
<u>1959 -</u>								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
<u>1960 -</u>								
June	81,636	26,058	554	9,422	127,863	69,131	1,194	13,609
July	83,712	26,445	554	9,369	(b)127,305	(b)66,818	(b)1,186	(b)12,970
August	84,230	26,389	561	9,280	(b)128,445	(b)67,127	(b)1,195	(b)12,931

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Estimated.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST		AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	4,725	3,470	8,424	7,615	14,196	6,904	30,763	13,164
Interstate	8,082	8,378	15,466	16,831	2,282	1,357	3,938	4,468
Total:	12,807	11,848	23,890	24,446	16,478	8,261	34,701	17,632



BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960 -										
March Qr.	290	749	1,088	3,372	34	323	164	1,950	1,576	6,394
June Qr.	299	844	1,377	4,107	47	291	181	2,843	1,904	8,085

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960 -										
March Qr.	968	3,104	7	16	380	872	1	1	1,356	3,993
June Qr.	1,168	3,711	5	18	411	1,010	1	1	1,585	4,740

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item		AUGUST		Eight Months ended AUGUST	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
Quantity	Fine oz.	74,516	69,613	564,653	554,399
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,164,314	1,087,703	8,822,704	8,662,478
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	150,000	150,000	1,098,894	1,061,094

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.





# RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
Metropolitan Area	3129	3304	3043	3201	2830	2945	2790	2891
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3388	3567	3293	3469	2734	2828	2695	2783
Northam	3195	3355	3125	3227	2767	2855	2729	2797
Bunbury	3140	3359	3082	3210	2852	2972	2817	2907
Geraldton	3453	3593	3322	3515	3100	3217	3030	3162
Collie	3284	3357	3197	3299	2580	2643	2546	2612

## WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December, 1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959 (cont.):</u>			
September	139.7	46.3	186.0	September	140.7	47.3	188.0
October	140.0	46.4	186.4	October	141.0	47.6	188.6
November	139.7	46.6	186.3	November	141.1	48.2	189.3
December	140.1	46.9	187.0	December	140.8	48.2	189.0
<u>1959:</u>				<u>1960:</u>			
January	140.0	46.4	186.4	January	140.8	47.3	188.1
February	140.0	46.7	186.7	February	141.5	48.4	189.9
March	140.6	47.1	187.7	March	141.4	48.8	190.2
April	140.7	47.2	187.9	April	141.0	48.7	189.7
May	140.2	47.3	187.5	May	141.1	49.3	190.4
June	140.0	47.0	187.0	June	141.7	49.1	190.8
July	140.1	47.0	187.1	July	141.9	49.2	191.1
August	139.9	46.9	186.8	August	142.7	49.7	192.4

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1959 are subject to revision.

## INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
January	226	237	241	232	231	229	233
February	228	240	241	235	233	231	236
March	231	242	240	236	234	233	235
April	230	243	239	234	233	233	234
May	231	242	238	234	230	232	235
June	230	239	235	231	228	229	236
July	230	238	231	229	229	229	237
August	230	239	230	229	229	230	239
September	232	241	233	232	230	232	
October	233	241	233	232	232	233	
November	234	243	233	233	231	235	
December	233	242	232	232	231	234	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1959 are subject to revision.



STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State											
	Male		Female	Male		Female	Male		Female									
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.									
24/10/60	14.	14.	7	11.	0.	11	14.	12.	0	10.	19.	0	14.	7.	1	10.	15.	4

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
August, 1960	22,518	1,802	125,683	79,685	16,179
August, 1959	24,608	2,435	110,218	48,886	16,214
2 Months ended August, 1960	46,941	3,657	248,133	130,760	31,723
2 Months ended August, 1959	50,529	4,775	229,010	96,120	30,112

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
August, 1960	5,032	71	2,390	1,058	925
August, 1959	5,403	94	2,035	628	900
2 Months ended August, 1960	10,645	144	4,697	1,757	1,831
2 Months ended August, 1959	11,003	181	4,190	1,205	1,664

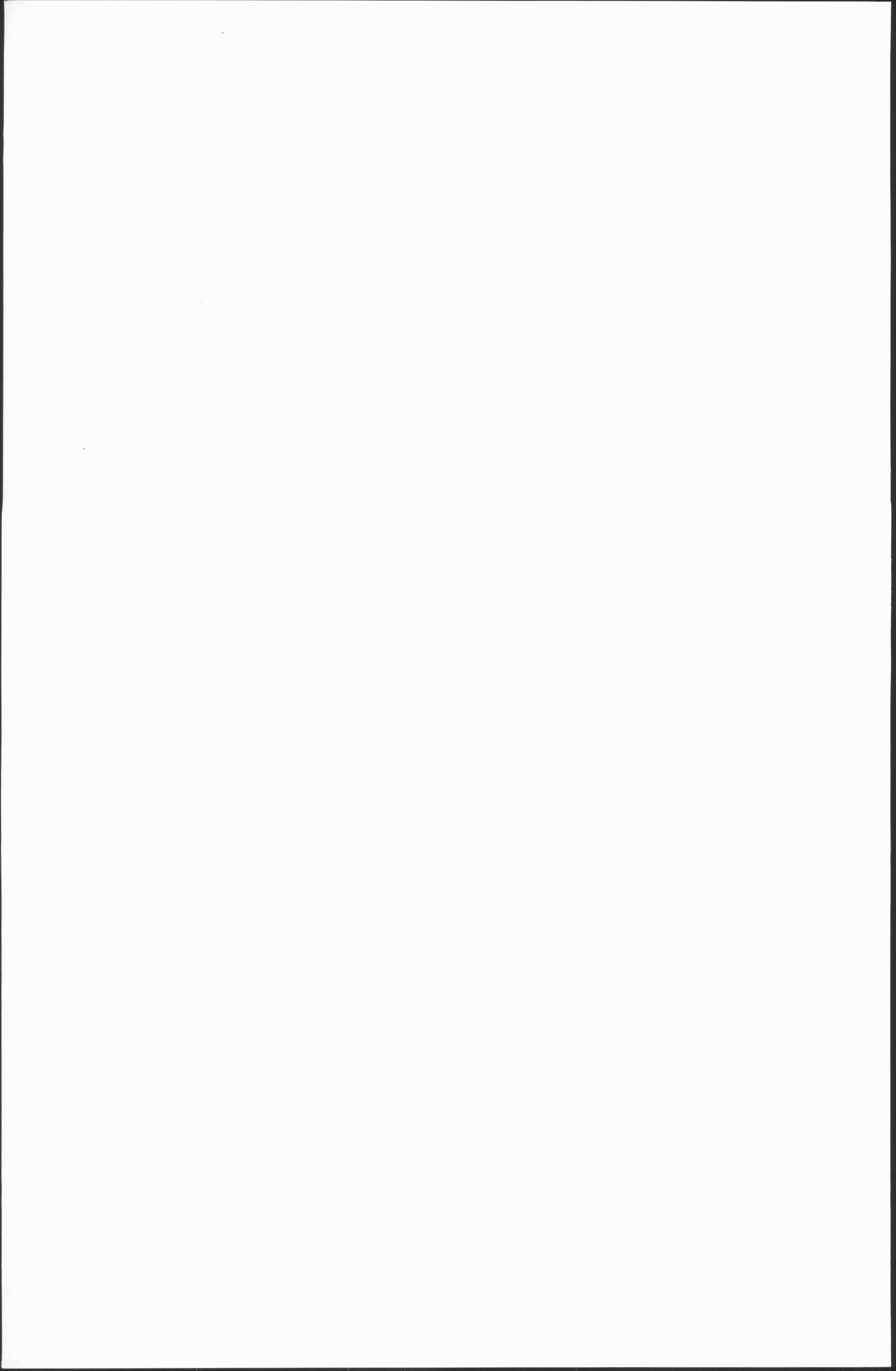
(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1955	5,878	7,907	2,237	3,158	8,115	11,065	110	199	2,669	3,987
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
8 Months ended August, 1959	4,156	5,607	1,652	2,331	5,808	7,938	51	106	2,062	2,999
8 Months ended August, 1960	4,688	6,187	1,769	2,455	6,457	8,642	59	128	2,195	3,174
1960 -										
January	525	713	208	283	733	996	8	18	273	376
February	495	671	213	293	708	964	4	12	256	362
March	576	764	231	314	807	1,078	11	21	281	409
April	503	683	226	316	729	999	9	15	279	418
May	639	837	251	342	890	1,179	11	15	309	442
June	578	748	214	308	792	1,056	6	14	255	387
July	752	955	234	328	986	1,283	6	17	302	428
August	620	816	192	271	812	1,087	4	16	240	352



# AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1959				1960								
		Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
FRUIT		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	12.10	12. 6	11. 6	11. 2	11. 3	12. 8	14. 0	14. 1	10. 6	10. 5	9. 7	8. 4	9. 5
Oranges - Navel	bush.	32. 7	40. 3	-	-	-	-	-	34. 6	24. 1	20. 7	20. 2	20. 6	25. 6
- Val.	bush.	28. 0	28. 8	28. 4	29. 0	35. 1	38. 9	34. 4	33. 6	-	-	-	18. 8	21. 6
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 1	1. 4	1. 1	1. 0	1. 0	10	11	10	1. 2	-	-	-	-
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	32. 9	38. 6	40. 7	38. 7	44. 3	-	15.10	15. 7	18. 2	22. 9	27. 7	31. 3	33. 1
- Other	bush.	29. 5	34. 4	42. 6	49.10	37. 6	24.11	22. 4	24.10	24. 9	27. 9	40. 3	57. 4	52. 4
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	27.11	-	-	-	-	26. 8	23. 3	22. 6	18. 0	22. 4	25. 5	29. 5	-
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	32.11	38.10	42.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Noctarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	33. 0	29. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	46. 2	30.11	36. 3	29. 8	31.11	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	22.10	27. 8	34. 6	28. 9	26. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	26. 4	28. 4	29. 0	27. 4	26. 7	28. 7	-	-	-	-
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate (a)	5. 2	6. 3	7. 6	6. 2	4. 1	4. 7	5. 5	10. 4	18. 5	16. 8	6.11	4. 9	5. 3
Cauliflowers	dozen	16. 5	16. 9	14. 2	-	-	15. 7	19. 1	12.11	19.10	15. 4	12. 0	16.11	19.11
Lettuce	crate	13. 4	11. 4	11. 9	6. 0	6.11	9. 4	8. 3	8. 3	7. 3	6.10	9. 5	16.10	12. 3
Table Celery	doz.head	7. 5	9. 2	8. 7	7.10	6. 8	10. 2	10. 9	9. 5	7. 1	5.11	5.10	6. 7	9. 2
Beetroot	cwt.	26. 1	24. 1	22. 8	25. 6	20.11	31. 5	27. 2	34. 2	42.11	54. 7	62. 5	78. 8	81. 7
Carrots	cwt.	28. 6	61. 4	57. 5	23.11	17. 1	19. 0	18. 6	17.11	18. 8	17. 9	21. 2	21.10	19.10
Parsnips	cwt.	46. 6	44.11	47. 1	46.10	38. 2	35. 5	37. 0	32. 7	27.11	26. 2	37. 8	35. 5	51. 8
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	5. 0	4. 8	9. 3	7. 0	5. 0	6.11	7. 9	11.11	21. 0	11.11	12. 5	8.11	5. 5
Swedes	cwt.	27. 4	29. 6	44.10	49. 9	25. 9	22.10	33. 6	26.10	29. 9	22. 5	25. 9	24. 0	27. 0
Runner Beans	lb.	1. 5	1. 6	9	8	5	5	6	9	1. 9	1. 6	1. 5	1. 3	1. 2
Peas	lb.	1. 0	1. 0	11	1. 2	1. 5	1. 4	1. 8	1. 5	1. 4	1. 6	1. 9	1. 0	1. 2
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	7	9	10	8	11	6	5	4	4	4	4	4	4
Pumpkin	bag	36. 1	43. 1	60. 6	42. 5	23. 9	17.11	14. 7	15.11	21. 6	21. 1	22. 5	27. 6	39. 6
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	28. 3	21. 5	18. 2	15. 9	19. 1	18. 6	15. 9	16. 3	23. 3	32. 5	28. 4	21. 6	28. 3
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (b)	ton	(c)	(c)	55. 0.0	55. 0.0	55. 0.0	60. 0.0	60. 0.0	60. 0.0	60. 0.0	60. 0.0	52.10.0	52.10.0	(c)
Potatoes (d)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(c) Onion Pool closed.

(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.



(c) Union Pool closed.  
(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

	1959				1960								
	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<b>SHEEP</b>													
Suckers	2.14.11	2.12. 5	2. 9. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.17. 1	3.11.11	3. 3.11
Lambs													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.19. 6	4. 7. 0	3.19.11	3.16. 8	3. 9. 6	-
Shorn	-	2. 1.10	2. 4. 6	2.12. 2	2.18.11	3. 5. 8	3.13. 8	3. 2. 2	3. 9. 6	3. 2. 4	2.17. 7	-	-
Hoggets													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 9.11	4. 1. 2	3.14. 7	-	-	-
Shorn	-	-	-	2.10. 7	2.16. 9	2.17. 0	3. 8. 8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ewes													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.16. 2	3. 6. 8	3. 8. 1	3. 6. 5	2.16. 5	-
Shorn	1. 6. 4	1. 3. 4	1. 3. 9	1.11. 3	1.14.11	1.19. 8	2. 5. 8	1.16. 5	1.19.11	2. 8.11	2. 3. 9	1.19. 0	1.15. 0
Wethers													
In Wool	2.18. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 9. 7	3.14.11	3.16.11	3.13. 9	3. 0. 4	-
Shorn	1.14. 6	1.13. 7	1.13.10	2. 2. 0	2.11. 8	2.14. 9	2.17. 3	2. 0.11	2.10. 7	2.14. 0	2.10. 4	2. 5. 6	2. 4.11
<b>CATTLE</b>													
Baby Beef	31.10. 1	29.17. 1	30. 1. 9	30. 0. 9	31.16.10	33.18.11	36. 2. 9	40. 5. 6	40. 8.11	42.15. 2	41. 4. 3	37.10. 9	37.18. 9
Heifers	40. 9. 4	35. 8.10	36. 5. 5	37. 0. 6	38.11. 6	-	43.13. 2	51. 7. 9	47.10. 0	43.10. 2	-	42. 4. 0	38. 2. 4
Cows	45. 2.10	42. 9. 7	44. 9. 3	44.19. 1	47. 8. 9	50. 6.10	53. 8. 5	56. 2. 4	56. 5.11	50.16. 5	48.12. 9	48. 7. 8	49. 2.11
Steers	45. 4. 1	44.15. 6	44.17. 4	46. 5. 5	49.13. 8	51.13. 7	53.17. 9	59.16. 8	53.12. 6	52.13. 4	49. 9. 6	50. 6. 4	51. 8. 1
Bullocks	51. 7.10	51. 4. 2	52. 2.10	53. 6. 2	-	-	-	69. 4. 0	61.17. 9	60.10.11	61. 5. 1	60.16. 9	60.13.11
<b>PIGS</b>													
Slips	6.15.10	5. 8. 2	6.15. 5	7. 3. 2	7. 1.10	6. 9. 4	6.18. 9	7. 9. 2	5. 8. 4	6.11. 1	-	6.19. 9	7. 6. 8
Porkers	12.13. 0	12. 7. 6	11.14. 7	11.17. 2	11. 4. 3	11.17.10	11.13. 5	11.19. 4	10.17. 5	11.10. 4	11. 0. 2	11.11. 0	11. 9.10
Baconers	20. 4. 4	20. 5. 9	18.14. 0	18. 9. 2	18. 7. 3	17. 6. 0	16.17. 8	17. 0. 3	16. 3. 2	16.14. 1	16.18. 1	17. 3. 5	16.18. 2





RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

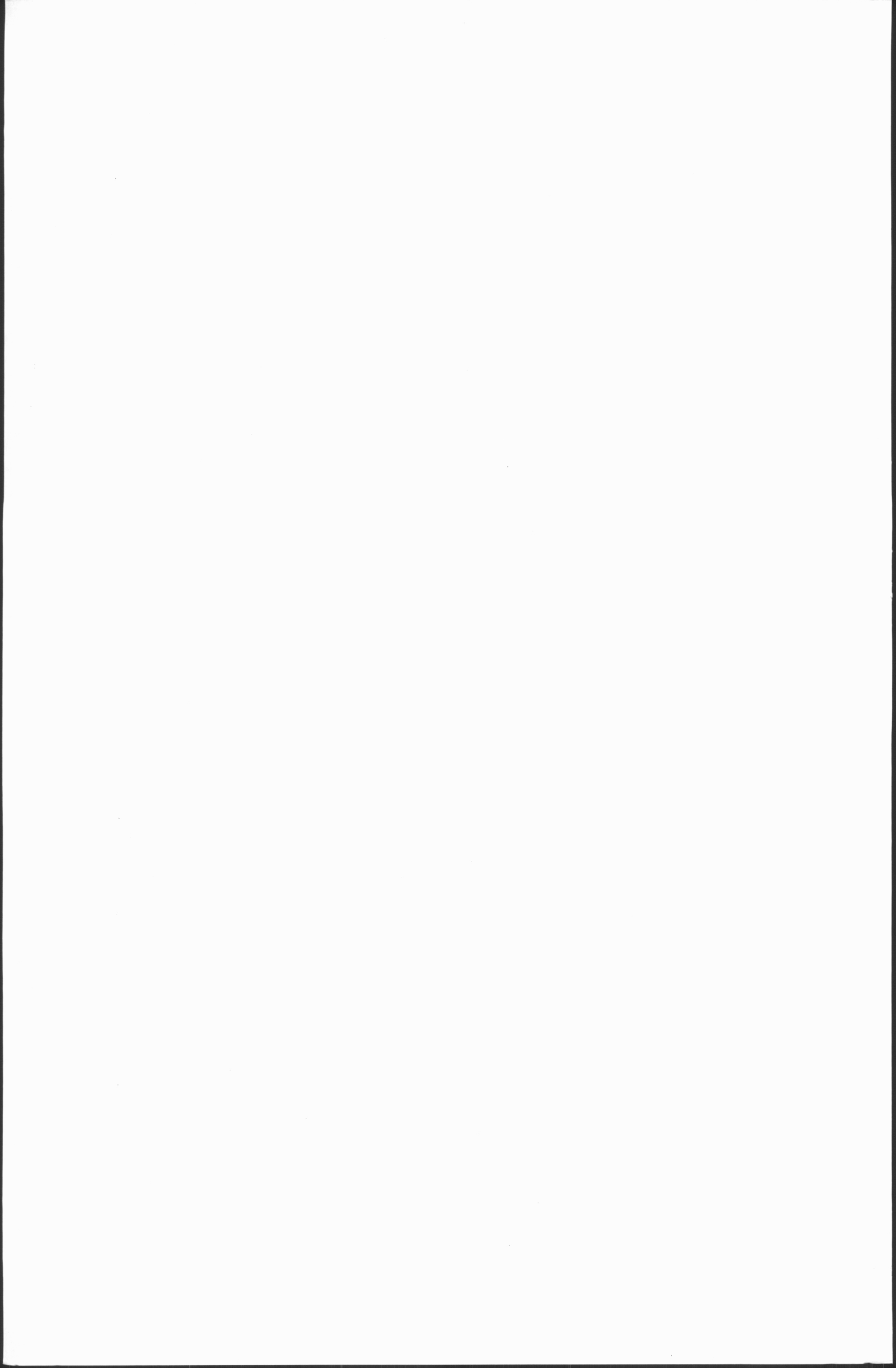
Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1954-55	21,679	14,645	8,505	745	604	387	49,831	3,835	3,091	72,255	19,084	11,983	14,151
1955-56	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1958 - June	2,078	1,409	874	102	75	57	4,927	323	267	7,107	1,807	1,198	19,052
July	2,252	1,472	908	112	58	41	4,513	311	250	6,877	1,841	1,199	19,160
August	2,050	1,323	815	101	116	90	4,294	302	246	6,445	1,741	1,151	19,363
September	2,234	1,523	945	146	117	77	4,406	346	276	6,786	1,986	1,298	19,605
October	2,602	1,673	1,037	234	230	143	5,035	387	321	7,871	2,290	1,501	20,107
November	2,283	1,645	1,024	324	367	234	4,881	402	328	7,488	2,414	1,586	20,708
December	2,355	1,593	992	190	174	110	6,086	494	402	8,631	2,261	1,504	21,201
1959 - January	2,343	1,512	952	114	62	43	4,592	480	360	7,049	2,054	1,355	21,308
February	2,140	1,441	893	139	111	71	3,532	325	254	5,811	1,877	1,218	20,570
March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,653	280	228	5,963	1,992	1,279	20,526
April	2,262	1,598	977	274	204	129	3,817	313	251	6,353	2,115	1,357	20,699
May	2,178	1,455	896	192	123	82	3,833	272	221	6,203	1,850	1,199	20,818
June	2,177	1,412	869	131	77	52	3,200	263	210	5,508	1,752	1,131	20,779
July	2,213	1,562	952	139	97	63	3,374	297	232	5,726	1,956	1,247	20,878
August	2,282	1,641	1,026	132	87	61	3,660	284	229	6,074	2,012	1,316	21,107
September	2,446	1,596	1,002	174	145	89	3,790	360	292	6,410	2,101	1,383	21,407
October	2,620	1,822	1,154	354	352	223	3,663	356	288	6,637	2,530	1,665	21,991
November	2,687	1,987	1,231	445	534	335	3,871	427	344	7,003	2,948	1,910	22,892
December	2,889	2,165	1,360	221	224	138	4,709	461	368	7,819	2,850	1,866	23,633
1960 - January	2,530	1,581	996	152	109	67	3,831	486	385	6,513	2,176	1,448	23,716
February	2,514	1,733	1,086	181	126	82	3,410	456	363	6,105	2,315	1,531	22,865
March	2,756	1,987	1,229	263	155	98	4,234	582	462	7,253	2,724	1,789	23,279
April													23,602
May													24,282
June													24,946

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(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance.

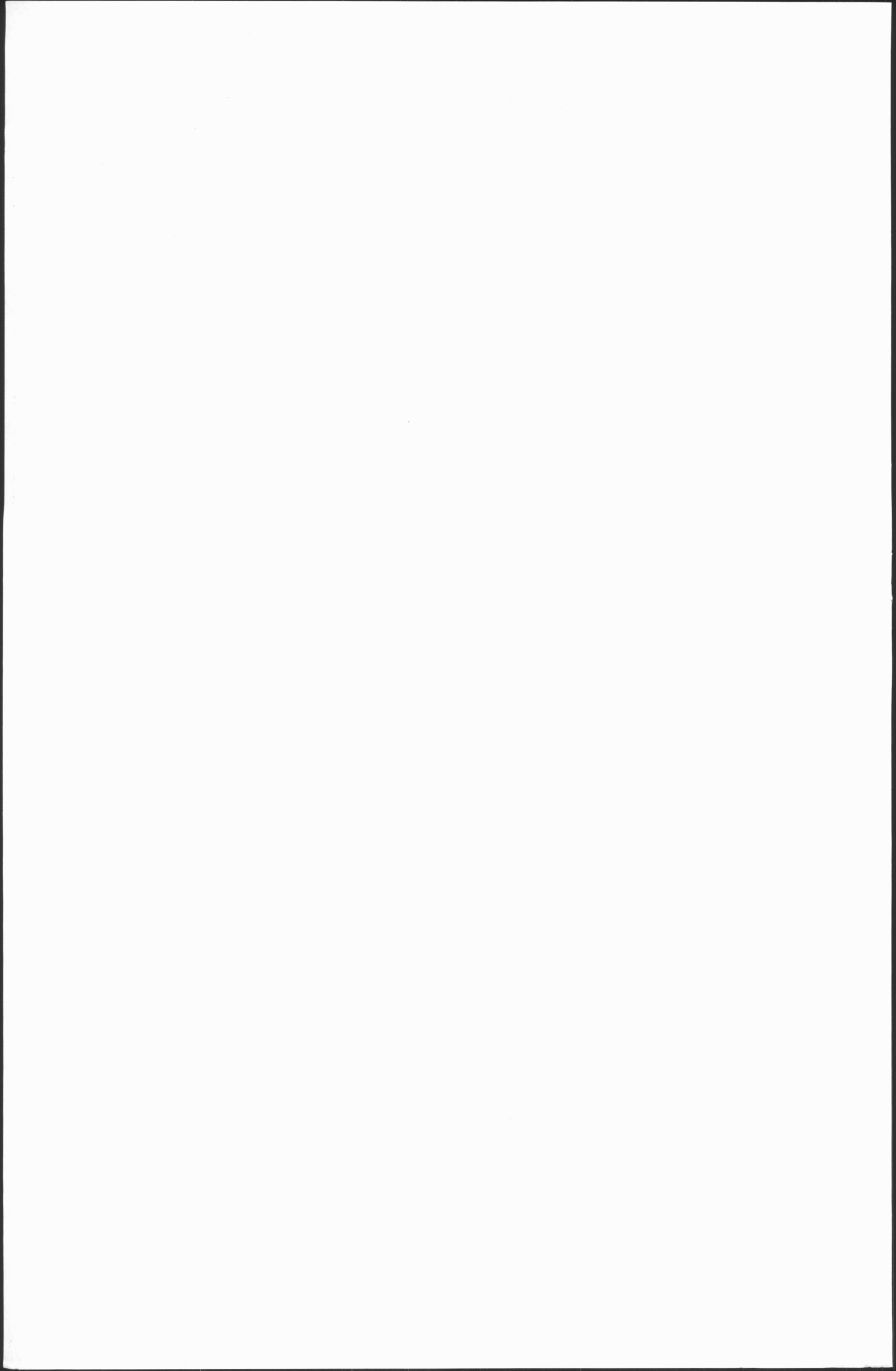


# RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food- Stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery Soft Furnishings	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware (b)	Elect- rical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chem- ists' Goods	News- papers, Books, Station- ery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Veh- icles, Trac- tors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	20.5	3.6	9.3	6.1	5.2	3.2	3.3	18.2	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.1	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.3
1958-59	28.7	11.1	19.4	18.4	25.1	4.3	10.7	8.7	6.5	5.6	4.7	21.2	164.4	54.7
1959-60	30.9	11.6	21.3	18.9	27.4	4.7	11.9	13.4	7.6	5.9	5.0	22.6	181.2	65.3
Sept. Qr.														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6(e)	(e)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(f)	(f)	6.6(f)	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.6
1958	7.0	2.8	4.5	4.0	6.0	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	12.9
1959	7.5	2.9	4.9	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.7	14.6
Dec. Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2(e)	(e)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.7
1958	7.6	2.7	5.0	5.2	7.2	1.2	3.0	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.6	14.0
1959	8.0	2.9	5.5	5.2	7.8	1.3	3.3	3.6	2.0	1.6	1.4	5.5	48.1	16.8
March Qr.														
1956	6.4	2.6	4.8	4.6	5.8(e)	(e)	2.3	2.1	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	37.8	12.7
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	38.4	12.1
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.0
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.5	40.0	13.7
1960	7.5	2.8	5.7	5.1	6.0	1.0	2.9	3.5	1.9	1.4	1.3	6.3	45.4	16.4
June Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.3	3.7	7.3(e)	(e)	2.5	1.5	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.5(f)	37.7	11.1
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3(e)	(e)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	39.4	13.2
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.0
1959	7.1	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.2	2.6	1.9	1.6	1.5	1.1	6.1	41.7	14.1
1960	7.9	3.0	5.2	4.4	7.3	1.3	3.0	3.9	2.0	1.5	1.2	6.3	47.0	17.5

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods.



## MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Item	Unit	AUGUST		Two Months ended AUGUST	
		1960	1959	1960	1959 (a)
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	533	487	1,345	1,046
Bricks - Clay (b)	'000	10,080	8,124	18,602	17,384
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq.yds.	143	110	287	231
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,837	1,824	5,005	3,808
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	34,121	28,425	60,561	57,060
Tiles, Roofing - Cement	'000	305	476	638	972
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (c)	'000 sup.ft.	17,944	19,265	34,456	39,803
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	1,008	914	2,161	2,213
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	831	489	1,886	775
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	5,594	5,357	10,136	10,270
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	26	48	54	138
- 2 piece	"	1,680	1,577	3,463	3,032
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	6,980	5,939	12,843	11,584
- Work	"	12,873	13,063	31,196	29,996
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	52,214	40,090	99,136	76,654
Slippers	"	11,038	11,157	20,936	23,426
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallons	227	222	375	413
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	10,001	8,375	17,157	15,411
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	593	628	1,058	1,144
Butter	"	2,273	1,969	4,151	3,660
Cheese	"	312	410	539	771
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	840	669	1,220	1,194
- Sulphuric	ton	13,694	22,164	25,965	35,472
Coal	"	94,645	79,012	178,541	166,177
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh.	89,540	75,576	178,837	154,074
Gas Produced	million cub.ft.	141	126	283	253
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	4,169	2,497	7,246	5,473
- Woven Wire(d)	"	797	1,101	5,382	1,970
- Soft Filled	"	3,567	2,721	5,991	5,953
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Truck Trays	"	83	41	141	68
Pig Iron	ton	4,381	3,320	8,738	6,939
Superphosphate	"	39,272	61,408	72,317	97,153
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	1,692	1,936	3,710	4,900

(a) Final figures.

(b) Standard size.

(c) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(d) Includes mattresses made and incorporated in folding beds and stretchers.

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